

**IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, WI**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

**Roll Call and introductions:** Roll call was taken by Extension Office Manager, Joyce Gayan. Committee members present: Thomas, Opal Roberts, Gerald Luke, and Paul Mullard. Committee member excused: Mitch Koski. Also in attendance: Gayan, Gloria Fauerbach, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Deb Leonard, Joy Schelble and Lauren Enking.

**Acknowledge proper meeting posting:** Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

**Approval of agenda as posted:** Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to approve agenda as posted. All in favor.

**Motion to approve meeting minutes – May 5, 2011:** Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Luke, to approve meeting minutes of May 5, 2011. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Motion to approve financial reports:**

- a) Extension
- b) 4-H and Youth Clubs

Committee members received Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs financial reports through May 31, 2011 in their packets. Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs. All in favor.

**Agent Reports**

**Family Living Program** – Committee members received copies of Newby's report in their packets. Newby updated the Committee on her activities including:

- Continuing to meet with local agencies and schools and conducting interviews and assessments
- Attending conferences for professional development
- Developing activities and programs related to parenting, budgeting, healthy eating, building and fostering friendship skills for youth, and developing a Home and Community group in Mercer

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program** – Schelble reported that she is continuing to meet with Agency partners. She is collaborating with Newby on a survey and making contacts at school events, WIC and the food pantry. Other activities include:

- Participating in UWEX training – budget
- Meeting with VISTAs and assisting with orientation
- Providing education at WIC clinics
- Conducting programs with LEAF students

- Beginning collaboration with Steve Eder, new 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant coordinator at the Hurley K-12 school.
- Participating in the community health improvement program
- Working on a food security survey
- Becoming involved in Farmers Market and exploring the possibility of acquiring a food stamp card at the Farmers Market

**Community Resource Development Agent** – Committee members received copies of Andresen's report in their packets. Andresen discussed and updated Committee on the following:

- Regional Bike Path, connecting downtown Mercer to Boulder Junction bike trails (grant received)
- Submitted grant for Saxon Harbor Renovation Project
- Next Generation Initiative Workgroups –
  - Strengthening our Niche – Working on Regional Trail
  - Retaining our Students – Connecting with schools in Mercer and Hurley to discuss cross country ski programs
  - Promoting our Strengths – Web site and Facebook page development
  - Go-In Forward – continues to meet as a social networking group

**4-H Youth Development** – Committee members received copies of Fauerbach's report in their packets. Fauerbach introduced campers and camp staff and asked for comments on their camp experiences. Josh Kallas, Hurley, and Kai Hanson, Mercer, talked about their experiences as campers. Cameron Rowe, Saxon, and Sam Lardinois, Hurley, reported on their experiences as counselors. Fauerbach stated there were 23 counselors and 35 volunteers this year. She gave an overview of planning for camp, which begins in January, and discussed camp staff training and activities. She introduced Summer Youth Assistant, Lauren Enking. Enking described her role and responsibilities involving camp.

Fauerbach discussed the roles of the four Summer Americorps\*VISTAs. She introduced Thomas Fitzgerald, Jessica Cox and Terressa Leinon. Summer VISTA, Seanna Whalen, was absent from the group as she chose to participate at camp in the role of counselor. Fitzgerald and Leinon discussed their activities with the TrailBlazers program and Cox discussed her activities with the LEAF program. Enking reported on her role with the LEAF program and gave a demonstration of an educational activity she engaged LEAF members in.

**Department Head Report** – Fauerbach discussed:

- Shared role of Department Head between Fauerbach and Andresen
- County budget
- State budget

**Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting:** The next Committee meeting date is being scheduled tentatively for the first week in September to present budget proposal.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Mullard, to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.